

Otay Mesa Land Port of Entry

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Location

2500 Paseo Internacional San Diego, CA 92154

Facility Size (Planned)

404,026 Gross Square Feet (Including Canopies) 51 Acres (Project Area)

Funding Status and Schedule

Site Acquisition – Complete
Design & Construction – Fully Funded
Design/Build Contract Awarded – May 2019
Construction Start – June 2020
Commercial Improvements Completed - April 2022
Anticipated Completion – Spring 2023

Project Costs

Site Acquisition - \$12M Design & Construction - \$122M Total Project - \$134M

Project Background

The San Diego metropolitan area is home to two land ports of entry (LPOE), San Ysidro LPOE, a non-commercial port, and Otay Mesa LPOE, nine miles to the east. The Otay Mesa LPOE is the busiest commercial port in California, processing over \$13.5 billion in exports and \$37.4 billion in imports in fiscal year 2021. Additionally, the Otay Mesa LPOE processes nearly 1 million commercial trucks, 2.1 million pedestrians and 5 million privately owned vehicles (POVs) annually. The existing infrastructure cannot adequately accommodate tenant agency security requirements nor support current northbound commercial and pedestrian traffic loads.

Project Overview

In order to increase commercial vehicle and pedestrian processing capacity to support the tenant agencies' ability to conduct their respective missions, GSA is planning to modernize and expand the existing port. The project involves doubling the number of pedestrian processing facilities from 6 to 12 lanes to better connect travelers to a nearby transit hub, construction of a new commercial annex building, commercial truck inspection circulation improvements, an increase of commercial inspection booths from 9 to 16, and construction of a visitor parking lot and employee parking structure.

Once complete the project will provide the port with adequate operational space, reduced traffic congestion, and create a safer environment for port employees and commercial vehicles.

Funding for a separate paving project (\$1.6M) was recently included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Primary Tenants

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration